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SUBJECT: VISIT TO USSR OF AMERICAN LIBRARY DELEGATION

1. EMBOFF CALLED AT MINCULT OCT 25 TO DISCUSS VISIT OF AMERICAN LIBRARY DELEGATION PROPOSED FOR NOVEMBER 14-28. MINCULT WAS REPRESENTED IN DISCUSSION BY ANNA NIKOLAYEVNA EFIMOVA AND BORIS ANDREYEVICH TARATUV OF LIBRARY DIVISION.

2. EMBOFF INDICATED THAT SINCE NO ANSWER HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM MINCULT IN RESPONSE TO DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JUNE 14, 1976, PROPOSING VISIT (COPIES PASSED CU/EE AND EUR/SOV) EMB WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER MINCULT WAS PREPARED TO RECEIVE DELEGATION. EMBOFF THEN PRESENTED SECOND DIPLOMATIC NOTE (COPIES BEING FORWARDED) WHICH REFERS TO EARLIER NOTE AND CONVEYS SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS RE INSTITUTIONS TO BE VISITED.

SPECIFIC REQUESTS SUBMITTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MOSCOW -

A. VISIT TO MINCULT AND DISCUSSIONS WITH Y.A. FENELONOV OF MIN'S COMPUTER CENTER  
B. VISIT TO LENIN LIBRARY AND DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. A.B.  
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RYABOV, DEP DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF AUTOMATION AND MECHANICS  
C. VISIT TO ALL-UNION BOOK CHAMBER

D. VISIT TO ALL-UNION STATE LIBRARY OF FOREIGN LITERATURE AND  
DISCUSSIONS WITH E.A. LOMAKINA-RUMYANTSEVA AND V.I. KARIN  
3. VISIT TO INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL  
INFORMATION  
F. VISIT TO ALL-UNION INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL  
INFORMATION OF STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
G. VISIT TO ALL-UNION SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER  
OF STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
H. VISIT TO GORKII STATE RESEARCH LIBRARY OF MOSCOW STATE UNIV.  
I. VISIT TO INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ON SOCIAL  
SCIENCES OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
J. VISIT TO LIBRARY OF INSTITUTE OF USA STUDIES OF ACADEMY  
OF SCIENCES.  
K. VISIT TO MAIN ARCHIVAL ADMINISTRATION OF COUNCIL OF  
MINISTERS AND TO ONE OR MORE OF ADMINISTRATION'S ARCHIVES

LENINGRAD -

A. VISIT LIBRARY OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF USSR  
B. VISIT TO LENINGRAD STATE LIBRARY INSTITUTE  
C. VISIT TO SALTYKOV-SHCEDRIN LIBRARY

NOVOSIBIRSK -

A. VISIT TO STATE SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL LIBRARY OF SIBERIAN  
BRANCH OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF USSR

3. EFIMOVA TOLD EMBOFF THAT MINCULT HAD "NO OBJECTION" TO PROPOSAL  
CONTAINED IN FIRST NOTE AND FELT THAT RESPONSE WAS UNNECESSARY.  
EMBOFF INDICATED EMB EXPECTED RESPONSE TO NOTES. IN REVIEWING  
SPECIFIC REQUESTS ABOVE, SHE SAID MINCULT HAD BEEN PLANNING TO HAVE  
DELEGATION VISIT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND VILNIUS. SHE SAID VISIT  
TO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES LIBRARY IN NOVOSIBIRSK WOULD BE "DIFFICULT,"  
BUT SHE PROMISED TO "TRY" TO ARRANGE VISIT THERE. EMBOFF STRESSED  
THAT NOVOSIBIRSK IS WELL-KNOWN TO AMERICANS IN ACADEMIC  
CIRCLES AND VISIT THERE WAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. EFIMOVA SAID  
SHE UNDERSTOOD AND "WOULD TRY."

4. VISIT TO VILNIUS IN ADDITION TO OR AS ALTERNATIVE TO NOVOSIBIRSK  
WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, BE ACCEPTABLE. VILNIUS IS SUPPOSEDLY SITE OF  
ONE OF USSR'S MOST MODERN LIBRARY FACILITIES. ADDITIONALLY, NOV.

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WEATHER CAN MEAN LONG DELAYS ON FLIGHTS TO CITIES SUCH AS NOVO-  
SIBIRSK RESULTING IN MISSED APPOINTMENTS.

TRAVEL BETWEEN MOSCOW-LENINGRAD-VILNIUS CAN ALL BE  
BY TRAIN, WHICH WOULD BE FAR MORE DEPENDABLE. REQUEST DEPT  
ADVISE RE DELEGATION MEMBERS' VIEWS ON VILNIUS PERHAPS IN ADDITION  
TO BUT MORE LIKELY AS ALTERNATIVE TO NOVOSIBIRSK AS THIRD CITY TO  
BE VISITED. MATLOCK

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